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Joyce holds charity sale

FROM posters to prams, Joyce Long's garage holds a cornucopia of treasures which will be up for grabs when the veteran fundraiser holds her spring charity sale.

The 83-year-old will be holding a sale outside her home at 22 Park Road, Thundersley, from Monday, April 22 until Wednesday, April 27.

The champion fundraiser is opening her drive to the public a month later than usual, due to the prolonged cold snap.

All profits, usually around

£3,000 per event, will be donated to the Bosom Pals Appeal On The Road, at Southend Hospital.

The spring sale of antiques, clothes, collectables, toys musical instruments, and bric-a-brac runs each day from 9am to 4pm.

Joyce said items for sale include Star Wars models, vintage toy prams, framed film posters and a host of other goodies.

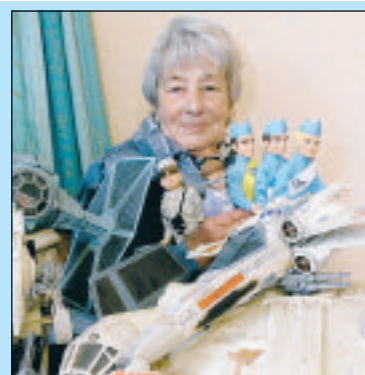
The great grandmother said: "We've got a lot of nice stuff;

people have been very generous."

Joyce who was made an MBE for her charity work, has been fundraising for Southend University Hospital for more than 25 years, and is still going strong.

To date, she has raised more than £1.5 million for patient care and brings in around £15,000 a year through her popular sales.

If you have anything you wish to donate, please give Joyce a call: 01268 566321.



FAB: Joyce Long

Council agrees to club's stadium development demand and says...

OK, NOW GET ON WITH IT!

By Paul Giles

brentwood@yellowad.co.uk

THE DEVELOPMENT of the new Southend United football stadium may have moved a step closer.

Southend Council agreed to the club's demand of reducing a payment to the town centre from £6.2 million to £3.5 million.

Council chiefs have said club chairman Ron Martin has to pay £1 million up front before plans got under way.

The renewal of the application will see a nightclub and football training facility at the site demolished.

They will be replaced by a 22,000 seater football stadium, including a 114 bedroom hotel.

A total of 67 flats will also be built with basement parking along with retail units totalling 16,400 sq metres.

Planning permission was granted

in 2008 for the £100m project, but recently run out.

In a letter to the council the club said they and Sainsbury's are still fully committed to the developments.

They added: "But the developments must make financial sense. "At present viability is on a knife edge.

"To be deliverable, the whole package must be financially viable.

"The scheme was conceived in an entirely different world when the offer of £6m was made in 2007 and we, along with many others, could not have foreseen the financial landscape today."

Councillor David Norman, who chaired the development control meeting, said he was happy an agreement had finally been made over payment towards the High Street.

He said: "We asked for one million up front and the rest of the



Artist's impression of the planned new stadium

money loaded towards the front end of the payments.

"It is great news there's a lot of good will towards the club and disappointment that after five years after approval the first sod of earth has not been cut.

"The message was we've bent over backwards to help you so we accept the offer, but the message now is get on with it and we wish them well and hope they make a start as soon as possible."

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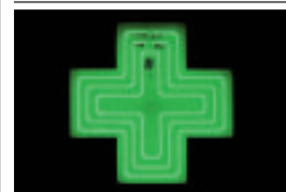
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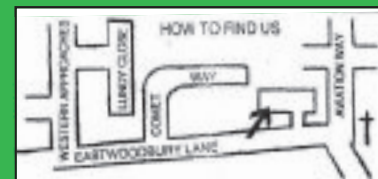
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■ YA campaign: 100 apprenticeships in 100 days

Let's rise to the jobs challenge

THE *YELLOW Advertiser* has teamed up with LifeSkills in an attempt to create 100 new apprenticeships in 100 days.

Essex-based LifeSkills called on 16-18 year olds, to snap up vacant positions. Employers are being encouraged to offer places to local youngsters eager to learn new skills.

Leon Bernasconi, Lifeskills operations director, said: "We would like Essex to rise to the challenge and place '100 apprentices in 100 days'."

"This would have a great impact on local youth unemployment figures and

A PARTNERSHIP between the *Yellow Advertiser* and Basildon-based LifeSkills aims to get Essex working. The campaign to create 100 new apprenticeships in 100 days was launched this week. YA reporter Charles Thomson explains how it works and who can get involved.

also kick start a new wave of educated and talented young people in local businesses to ensure future economy growth in our area.

"We need as many local employers and as many applicants as possible to make this happen and believe that together we can make 2013 the start of our climb out of this 'Lost Generation'."

Apprentices can receive £100-a-week, and employers are being encouraged to sign up now before new school leavers flood the market in July.

Youngsters can apply for jobs in various sectors including business admin, hospitality, customer services, retail and warehousing. All courses have English and maths as a central theme, with school leavers of all abilities catered for. LifeSkills already works with more than 100 Essex based employers, but needs more to cater for the demand.

A total of 87 per cent of LifeSkills apprentices achieve their full apprenticeship, higher than the national rate.

LifeSkills are interested to hear from young people in Year 11 of their education. Firms with less than 250 staff taking on a first apprentice receive a government grant of £1,500. They also receive a CV of all candidates, and are supported free of charge by Lifeskills for the first year.

Mr Bernasconi added: "Recruitment agencies charge for this service, at LifeSkills the recruitment of the best candidate for the employer is provided free of charge."



PRAISE: Lewis Pack who has done his apprenticeship at Blyth workcats, Canvey Island, Lewis has just completed his apprenticeship here and has now been taken on full time

"There is myth that all young people now in Year 11 must stay at school for an extra year. An apprenticeship is encouraged as a different option to staying on at school."

YA editor Mick Ferris said that getting more young people into work while helping them achieve academic qualifications was a campaign his newspaper was proud to be a part of.

He said: "I grew up in an era when apprenticeships were not just an integral part of a young person's career

development, but also vital to local economies and the growth of our industries."

"The world is a very different place today, but the principles of learning a trade through vocational experience are still relevant today, and I'm glad that communities are increasingly coming together to give our youngsters more options in the jobs market."

For more information please contact Tom, Danielle or Ellie on 0800 62 26 471 or e-mail info@learnaliving.co.uk

The facts:

- More than 80 per cent of those employers who employ apprentices agree they make their workplace more productive.
- 81 per cent of consumers favour using a company which takes on apprentices.
- The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is £2.65 per hour. Many employers prefer to pay more however, and research shows that the average salary is approx £170 per week.
- Employers who take on a 16-18 year old apprentice only pay their salary. The Government will fund their training.
- There are more than 250 different types of apprenticeships available offering over 1,400 job roles.
- A total of 92 per cent of employers who employ apprentices believe that apprenticeships lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce.
- 83 per cent of employers who employ apprentices rely on their apprenticeships programme to provide the skilled workers that they need for the future.
- One in five employers are hiring more apprentices to help them through the tough economic climate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Housing sites

SOUTHEND council has started to investigate sites in the borough that could be used to build affordable housing on.

Housing officers have already carried out an initial assessment of land which could help deliver housing.

A list of different sized garages and open land sites has been compiled using ordnance survey maps.

Further site visits will be carried out in order to confirm if development is possible on the chosen areas.

Currently Southend does not have a central government target for affordable housing to be built.

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Free web sessions

SOUTHEND libraries are offering free internet taster sessions to those who want to learn how to use it.

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Hospices get funding boost

FAIR HAVENS Hospice has received More than £110,000 in funding in a recent round of Department of Health grants.

The funding will enable Fair Havens to install an Environmental Control System to give patients more independence.

Catherine Wood, Head of Patient Services explained the physical symptoms patients experience, such as extreme weakness or loss of mobility, mean they have to rely on nurses or a family member to do things for them.

She said: "This can be extremely frustrating. This system will mean patients can open the window, make a phone call to a loved one or change the temperature of their bedroom by themselves.

"They are small but important things which can make a real difference to their quality of life."

The system is wireless and works through a set of sensors and devices feeding information to a controller which can be fixed to a patient's bed, wheelchair or wherever it is needed.

The charity's children's hospice, Little Havens will also receive a grant for £307,900 to improve the family entrance by erecting a canopy and updating the reception area.

Catherine added: "A canopy means as families arrive at the hospice, be that by car or ambulance, they have some shelter from the bad weather.

"Children in our care often need a lot of cumbersome equipment, including wheelchairs and oxygen machines and a delay in unloading

because of bad weather is impractical.

"This is even more stressful in emergency situations. By adding a small extension and re-ordering the family reception, which is currently cramped, we'll create a more suitable space for families as they arrive and for the reception team who welcome them.

"Families have told us that these subtle improvements would give them more dignity and comfort in often difficult and challenging circumstances."

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Piano concert

AN INTERNATIONAL concert pianist will play at the Plaza Centre, in Southchurch Road, this Friday.

From 8pm, Antony Peebles will be giving a concert for the council's popular series of chamber music concerts. This event will include works by Schubert, Chopin and Liszt with much-loved Nocturnes and Ballades by Chopin.

Tickets cost £8.50 to £5 tickets can be bought online by visiting www.southend.gov.uk/concerts

Badminton birthday

THE Southend and District Badminton Association is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a celebration presentation dinner and dance at the Westcliff Hotel, on Saturday, June 15.

The association is delighted to have Badminton England's chief executive Adrian Christy as the event to present trophies.

Players and officials who have attended the club over the past 60 years are all invited to attend.

If you are one of these people phone Trudy Clarke on 01702 600390.

Youth project

THE Palace Theatre Summer Youth Project will be holding a performance of Annie this year.

Youngsters aged between nine and 19 will have the opportunity to work with a professional creative team as well as the Technical, Marketing, Front of House and Education Team at Southend Theatres. New this year is the opportunity, for someone under the age of 25, to assist either the production, directing, choreography or musical direction teams.

Auditions for performers will be held on Sunday, April 28.

Visit www.palacetheatresouthend.co.uk

Fashion show to raise money for charity

A FASHION show is going to be held to raise money for a local charity that helps out youngsters.

Just Fox Boutique in Leigh will be supplying the costumes for the show that is being held at The Boatyard Restaurant, in Old Leigh.

The event will consist of a two course meal and fashion show by Just Fox.

All money raised will go to Southend YMCA.

Justine Heal, owner of Just Fox said there was always a fundraising element to the boutique's fashion shows.

She said: "I felt it was important to support the town's local children's charity."

"I'm so impressed by the work Southend YMCA do with local children and the projects and services they run."

Jane Dolby, fundraiser at Southend YMCA said she was grateful to Justine for her generosity.

Jane said: "Southend YMCA works with hundreds of children every year and the money from this event will go towards ensuring we can continue to offer free activities and projects to those children who most need them."

Tickets for the show cost £18 and are available from Just Fox Boutique, Clements Arcade, 9-11 Leigh Broadway from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.



FASHION SHOW: Sara Hickling outside Just Fox Boutique who is holding a fashion show at the Boatyard to raise money for YMCA
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Author to hold book signing

A SOUTHEND author will be signing copies of an alternative guidebook to the borough she has written.

Dee Gordon, took nine months to write the book called 'Not a Guide To Southend-on-Sea'.

The book is a collection of everything that is good and bad about the seaside town.

It focuses on a range of issues in the town including historical facts, strange and bizarre information, architecture, local lingo and traditions of the town.

Dee, who has written several books about Southend said researching for this book had given her a whole new perception of the town.

She said: "Each page has something different on it.

"I have included a time line about Southend, a day in the life of the town and a series of quotations from famous people talking about Southend.

"I found out a lot of things I didn't know before such as Benjamin Waugh who founded the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, came to Southend to retire and died here too."

Other facts the author found out was that there are several blue plaques commemorating people in the town, including Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Dee will be signing copies of the book in Waterstones, in Southend High Street, on Saturday, April 27, between 2pm and 4pm.

She will also be signing books at WHSmith, in Southend, on Saturday, May 4, between 11am and 3pm.



SIGNING: Dee Gordon will be signing copies of her alternative guide book for Southend

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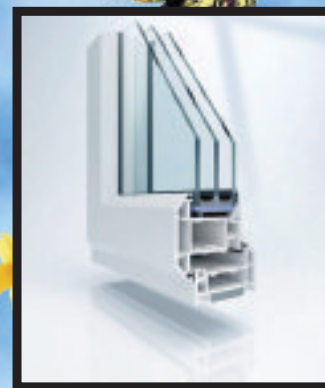
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Helping women get into sport

A TEAM of cheerleaders are campaigning to get young women back into sport.

Led by Rachel Blatch, the group is working with the national movement Fixers.

Fixers are people who try to inspire other young women to get involved in sport before it is too late.

Rachel explained Fixers believe young women miss out on the long term health benefits of exercise and could live to regret it.

The 26-year old from Southend said: "Obesity is a growing prob-

lem in the UK, but I don't think most women take it very seriously until it's too late - so it's best if you can stop it before it happens.

"It's much harder to lose weight than it is to maintain a healthy weight."

Working with Fixers, the cheerleaders are hoping to create a poster campaign to target schools and higher education institutions to promote sport to young women in the Borough.

The cheer leading squad meet at Garons Park Leisure Centre, Southend, every Wednesday from 7pm until 9pm.



FIXERS: Cheerleaders who are acting as Fixers to try and get young women back into exercise

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Fostering service gets a good report

SOUTHEND Council has received a good Ofsted report for its fostering services.

The service that cares for 145 children in the borough was inspected at the end of January this year.

Councillor for children and learning, James Courtenay, said the report was a great result for Southend.

He said: "It is not unexpected as we have won awards for our fostering service in recent years.

"This is the first time in five years that we have had a full external inspection on our fostering service.

"The result builds upon last year's Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection, showing that our foster carers are providing a great service to some of our

most vulnerable children, and how our children feel safe".

Officers reported the fostering service was committed to providing high quality care in the town and provides the best placements for children which helps them reach their full potential.

The report also gave a good grading to safeguarding children with youngsters saying they felt they could trust their foster carers and feel safe and secure.

Leadership and management also received a good grading with the way it works as a team and staff giving 100 per cent to their jobs.

Cllr Courtenay said: "I think the best feedback on how the service is doing comes not from Ofsted, but the children themselves, who have provided very positive feedback, not only of how they are made to feel part of the family, but that when things go wrong they know how to complain and feel supported by the local authority."

However, it was recommended the authority should give children information about the foster carer before they arrive at a placement.

The report also said carers should also be provided with full information about the child they are going to care for.

The authority was also advised to support children to develop positive self esteem and emotional resilience.

Cllr Courtenay added: "I have the utmost admiration for our foster carers in what is one of the most challenging, 24/7 professions out there. If anyone is thinking of becoming a foster carer, and we are always looking for new foster carers from all community groups, I feel this report shows that Southend is a great place to do so."

To find out more contact 01702 215000.

Help support victims of domestic violence

"Essex Action" as heard on Southend Radio, produced in conjunction with the Volunteer Centre Southend (SAVS)

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ESCAPE Elliott Walters, Mike Bromfield and Tom Moosey Moulton who are part of the YMCA Jailbreak team.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Jail escape for charity

A TEAM representing Southend YMCA are going to be escaping from Chelmsford Prison as part of The Essex Jailbreak, an annual charity event organised by The Essex Boys & Girls Club.

The challenge does not stop there though, because once they are out of the prison gates on Saturday, the team have 15 hours to get as far away from the prison as possible, without spending a single penny.

Mike Bromfield, from team #SouthendPrisoners, who is a youth worker at Southend YMCA, said the whole concept of the event was brilliant and at the same time raising money for two youth charities serving the young people of Essex.

The team, consisting of Andy Williamson, Tom Moulton, Elliott Waters and Mike Bromfield will

have to entirely rely on what they can negotiate for free, with plans to go international.

They have already been in talks with Southend Airport and its airlines and have support from local fancy dress business 'I love fancy dress' who have kindly donated prisoner outfits for the team to wear on the day.

Mike said: "We don't want to give too much away about our escape as there are other teams from Essex competing, but we are aiming to make the most of our 15 hours, and pull off an impressive distance, if people are donating it will motivate us to get even further."

"Behind the fun and games of this event, there is a far more serious message for us, we know that sometimes people can be reluctant

to donate to a youth charity, because they don't instantly associate young people with poverty.

"Something as simple as a donation from individuals or businesses will make a real difference in young people's lives, helping our charities to keep doing the amazing work they do."

You can sponsor them by texting 'JAIL86 £5' or 'JAIL86 £10' to 70070 or go to www.justgiving.com/teams/essex-jailbreak to donate more.

If you want to support the team in any other way, such as endorsement or with transport please contact mike.bromfield@live.co.uk or just follow their progress on the day on Twitter: @mikebromfield, @The_Event_Live, @AJDW, and include #southendprisoners in your tweets.

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Talent contest

THE CARLTON Pub will be holding the final of its Talent Competition this Thursday (April 18).

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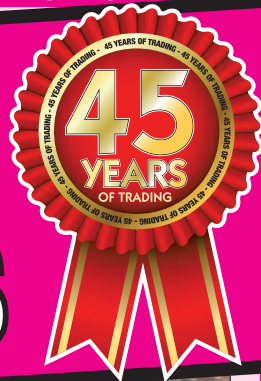
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FREE CELEBRATION: Adventure Island will be holding a free celebration of St George's Day this weekend. Picture by Mark Cleveland

Adventure ahoy for St George's celebration

A FREE celebration of St George's Day will be held at Adventure Island this weekend.

It will see a variety of entertainment ranging from Morris Dancers, live music and a traditional Maypole in the theme park.

Adventure Island managing director Marc Miller said the park had its first St George's Weekend in 2012 and it was such a huge success we decided to do it again.

Mr Miller said: "This week-

end is all about giving our customers enjoyable and new reasons to visit Adventure Island – and in these economically straitened times, even more great value for money.

"St George's Weekend is a fantastic opportunity for visitors to come to Southend and love the fun – and because admission is free, you don't have to pay a penny to watch all the superb entertainers we've lined up.

"We have also worked really

hard to include singers, dancers and entertainers from the local area so this is also a fantastic chance for us to show that Essex really has got talent."

A marching band will also be at Adventure Island on Sunday, with stilt walkers, living statues, and St George bunting everywhere you look.

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Full Monty actors reveal all at Cliffs

NUDITY is back on the stage at Southend by popular demand.

A band of male strippers will appear at the Cliffs Pavilion later this month.

The stage version of the Full Monty features full frontal nudity, and follows the success of an amateur production at the Palace Theatre last year.

Other naked acts that have appeared at the Cliffs in recent years are Puppetry of the Penis, The Dream Boys Full Frontal Tour in 2012, and the Chippendales in 2011.

A Cliffs spokesman said that adult humour would feature in the latest production, which 'may not be suitable for children'.

The story is about a group of unemployed men in Sheffield who create their own male strip group.

Kenny Doughty, who plays the lead character of Gaz, said he had no fears about baring all.

The actor, who appears in the Sky 1 comedy series Stella, said: "When I got the job I was worried about performing it, but you can't fall into that trap."

"When we opened in Sheffield we got a standing ovation and we thought that would be the only place but every night we have performed it we have been given them."

The show will be hitting the stage at the Cliffs Pavilion from Monday, April 29.

It will run until Saturday, May 4. To book tickets call the box office on 01702 351135.



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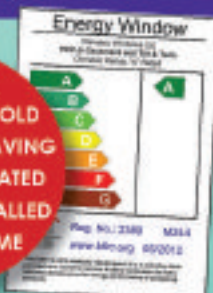


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Farmers duped in hay bale scam

POLICE are urging Essex farmers and landowners to beware of a scam in which household and business waste is being illegally dumped on open land and camouflaged as plastic-wrapped hay bales.

The warning follows the discovery of about 1,500 tons of waste after a search warrant was executed on land in south Essex.

Officers from the Environment Agency (EA) are now concerned that other sites in Essex may be targeted in the same way.

Investigators from the EA believe that criminals are making large sums of money by charging to take away household or business waste but then dumping it at remote rural locations instead of using official permitted sites.

The rubbish is being compacted into plastic wrapping, capable of holding about half a ton.

These are taken to fields or open land and built into haystack shapes, to give the impression that they are seemingly 'normal' plastic bags used by farmers to store hay, straw or silage.

Lesley Robertson, an Environment Agency crime team leader, said the discovery of the rubbish bales in Essex is believed to be linked to a highly-organised criminal scam.

She said: "This is an emerging trend but the first time evidence of the scam has been found in south

Essex. However, we are concerned that more bales may have been dumped elsewhere and we want to urge people to look out for these sites and report them to us."

This is a form of fly-tipping but on a massive and organised scale. The bales are being stored to look like farmers' haystacks and the contents will only come to light if the bags tear.

"The waste includes all forms of household and business rubbish such as food waste, plastic and cans. They are being dumped and abandoned with total disregard for the environment, landowners and any member of the public who use the land."

"We urge any landowners,

farmers, ramblers or dog walkers who find these sites to call us immediately on our 24-hour free incident hotline number 0800 80 70 60 or make an anonymous report to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

■ Three men, aged 19, 23 and 47 and all from east London were arrested on suspicion of depositing and storing waste on an unpermitted site when police and the Environment Agency executed a warrant on land off Arterial Road, Purfleet on April 10.

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Wine shop

A NEW wine shop will be opening in Leigh Road on Friday, May 3.

Vino Vero will specialise in 'sustainable' wines and customers will be able to nip in for a glass of wine too.

Owner Sam Brown, who grew up in Leigh

and attended Westcliff High school said: "Vino Vero will offer Leigh residents the chance to taste and enjoy some really unique wines from great independent producers."

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The show is being led by Chris Smith who was Tony Bennett's trombonist and appeared on Top of the Pops and with Herb Miller - Glenn Miller's brother - on Breakfast TV.

Tickets are £9 from Amos Estate Agents in Rayleigh High Street or call 01582 766801.

Business breakfast

BUSINESSES in Rochford are invited to sign up for a breakfast meeting next week.

The meeting, which has the theme Local Initiatives for Local Businesses, takes place at Freight House in Bradley Way, Rochford, from 7.30am to 10am on Thursday, April 25.

Guest speakers include Southend United's chief executive, Steve Kavanagh, and Dale Spiby, the community and educational trust chief executive officer for Southend FC.

The breakfast has been organised by Rochford Council and the Essex Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).

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NEW DOG: Lord Hanningfield with Theodore

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Hanningfield mourns death of Jefferson

LORD Hanningfield is mourning the death of his canine companion Jefferson.

The Burmese mountain dog was put down after a vet diagnosed him with cancer.

He was eight years old.

Jefferson became known when the 72-year-old former Essex County Council leader was drawn into the parliamentary expenses scandal.

Amid the publicity surrounding Hanningfield's case, a light-hearted campaign was started to elect Jefferson to Essex County Council.

The peer even told the YA in March 2012 that he was considering writing his memoirs from the Jefferson's perspective.

Speaking about the decision to have Jefferson put down, he said: "It has been a bit of a tragedy for me."

"He was such a loyal friend during all of my troubles. We were very close and he was a fantastic dog. He seemed to understand me."

He now has an eight-week-old Burmese

mountain dog.

He said: "I couldn't do without one - he is my fourth."

He has continued his tradition of naming the dogs after American presidents by calling the new pup Theodore, after Theodore Roosevelt.

He said: "It's like having a baby really. It's like buying a

new member of your family."

The peer, real name Paul White, was jailed in July 2011 after being convicted of six counts of false accounting, all of which related to his House of Lords expenses.

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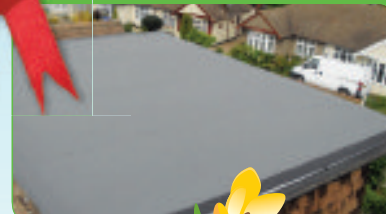
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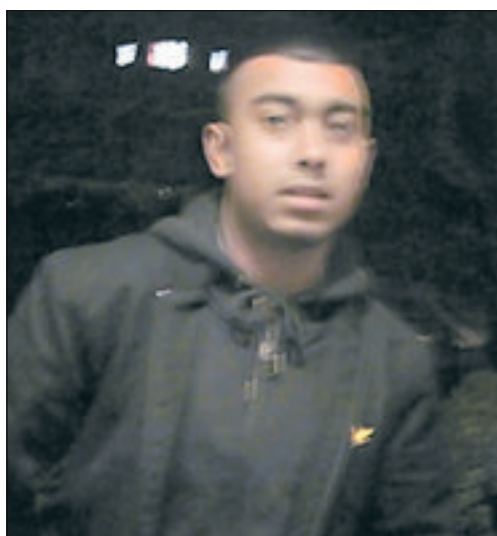
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Warning after man loses £5,000 in scam



APPEAL: Police want to speak to these men in connection with an incident in Buckhurst Hill

DETECTIVES are warning people in Essex and East London about an elaborate scam that saw a man lose £5,000 to men posing as police officers.

Officers have also released pictures of men believed to be from East London after an incident in Buckhurst Hill.

The pictures were taken by a fraud victim who was tricked into giving two men money for DNA testing.

Bogus telephone callers rang the man claiming to be from the police and claimed his bank cards had been fraudulently used.

Investigating officer, DC Patrick Snape, said the victim first had a call from a person claiming to be from his bank.

DC Snape said: "The caller said his bank account had been infiltrated, money had been taken and he asked the victim to confirm his card details."

Shortly afterwards a man claiming to be 'Pc John Bailey from the Serious Crime Department in London' called the victim and said there had been two arrests in connection with the matter.

"He asked the victim to go to a bank and withdraw £5,000 cash so that the notes could be tested for DNA."

The victim was told that if he helped in the enquiry he would get £5,500 cash back.

"The victim withdrew the money and later received a call from the bogus police officer who said couriers would call at his home to collect the money.

"It was a very sophisticated scam and the victim fell for the trick. But he did take the precaution of photographing two couriers."

"We want to hear from anyone who can identify the two men or from anyone who has any information at all about the people behind this fraud."

The incident in which the victim was tricked out of £5,000 happened on February 27, but at least 30 similar thefts or attempted frauds have been reported in Essex since the first of the scams came to light in January.

Anyone with information about the two men should contact DC Snape at Brentwood police station on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



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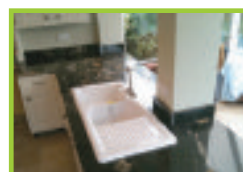
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Opinion and readers' letters

We're not laughing at legacy

MARGARET Thatcher the most divisive prime minister of our times?

I don't think so.

Surely we can all agree on one abiding thing about the lady.

Viz: That she was and was undeniably a joke-free zone - as epitomised by her famed "Every prime minister needs a Willie!" raising nothing but a very stern rebuke indeed for a cabinet helplessly giggling behind their hands at the hilarious assertion.

But never mind her Deputy PM Willie Whitelaw, no-one was laughing at her policies then and they're not laughing at her legacy now.

Far too many suffered for this woman's convictions.

Yours faithfully,

John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea

Demise outbursts are a disgrace

THOSE who parade and act in a disgusting manner only proves that a large lot of louts and or lowlives are still around.

The outburst at or over any-one's demise is a complete disgrace, why did they show how scared they were of the man who was responsible for the mines closures through excessive strikes?

The sad thing was that nobody had the guts to say no more strikes, this man was Arthur Scargill who lost no money during any of the strikes, in fact he would have earned money for giving television interviews etc.

Name and address supplied

Years of experience is a handicap

THIRTY years ago, a person with 20-30 years of experience would be valued for his expertise. Today, that is considered to be more of a handicap.

This has been a growing trend for the last 10 years or so and the managers and the HR types seem to increasingly expect, that the new hires are in their early twenties, but also (magically) have at least 15 years of experience - from somewhere.

Or worse, they think, that they can hire a relatively unskilled young person - and mould him into a star performer, who will also remain their employee (a.k.a. a slave) for ever.

This is an utter nonsense,

akin to "drinking one's own bathwater". Certain people "perform" (out-perform others) simply because it is in their nature to be industrious. The same people are also the type, that will put in the effort needed to learn new things, to educate himself.

Besides, even the youngest of prospective employees are already "grown-ups" (even if they don't always behave like it) and are almost impervious to any "moulding" - at least in the "employment" sense - and certainly not by the complete strangers they encounter at work.

So, it is just pure luck, if the managers or the HR do find a "star", and his tenure is usually contingent upon his reward - whether financial or represented by an amusing challenge. However, it is a lot easier to pick a star performer, if he already has a few years of successful work under his belt.

Fred Nicholson
Westcliff

No thought given to boxes

THE question raised by Councillor Julian Ware-Lane, letters 20 March 'How do we recycle the recycle bins', is logical to ask regarding what nobody in power appears to have given any thought as to

what happens to the obsolete blue boxes. Surely they can be recycled with the material being used to make other items.

No doubt many of these boxes will be dumped down alleyways.

Chas Cheesman
Southend-on-Sea

Hospital has no need to open doors

I WENT to the Southend Hospital open day in 2005 to celebrate 75 years since it opened, it was a splendid day.

I notice that we are to have another open day in June, but what for?

It will mean those opening up wards or departments will either have to be paid overtime or time off in lieu, which takes money and personnel away from clinical needs and what for?

Southend Hospital has no reason to throw open its doors like this for no apparent reason.

I think whoever is organizing this clearly has too much time on their hands and needs to justify their position but is doing so to the detriment of the patients.

Peter Mullholland
Eastwood

Ban the Grand National

YET again more horses have been killed at this year's Grand National - although you wouldn't know it by the lack of coverage on the TV channels, broadcasting only about the injured jockeys instead of the cruel and shameful spectacle that they perpetuate.

Over the past five years, 944 horses have died on the sixty racecourses in the UK and, yet again, the Aintree racecourse has claimed the lives of two more beautiful horses this year.

The eleven year old Little Josh took a crashing fall, broke his shoulder and had to be put down. His trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies when asked about his loss said "He went out doing what he enjoyed. It doesn't change anything. You could have a prang in the car on the way home. Where there's life there's death." How very emotional Mr Twiston-Davies.

The Irish jockey Katie Walsh rode Battlefront to his death when he was 'pulled up' over the so-called 'safer' National fences in The Foxhunters' Chase and collapsed and died. She stated that "they're only horses after all and it would have been a lot worse if two jockeys had lost their lives and that people should remember that". I think that sums it up Ms Walsh!

Self-regulation has to be taken away from an industry such as horse racing (and greyhound racing) that clearly has no respect for the animals used, abused and thrown out when they are no longer able to come up with the winnings. The Tory-led Government should be stepping in over this issue but won't of course - not with their rich friends so heavily involved in racing and, after all - they're only animals!

Five horses in all fell at the Fox Hunters' Chase and it was stomach-churningly chaotic from start to finish. The horses that fell or were pulled up were all clearly exhausted and potentially injured.

The Grand National is 4.5 miles long, with 30 fences and 40 runners. Out of the 40 horses running the statistics are extremely worrying. In most jump races, 10 per cent of the runners fall; in the National an alarming 46 per cent fail to finish.

The Grand National kills horses with alarming regularity and it is about time it was banned.

Patricia Hall,
via e-mail

Politicians are visionless

I FOUND Mr. Bodimeade's letter (Deficit is paying the bills of failure, March 13 2013) very interesting and, indeed, have every sympathy with his frustration that this country's economic problems are not resolving themselves as quickly as we would wish.

However, his assertion that we hand the reins back to Labour at the next election bears some scrutiny. Their solution seems to be a repeat of the policies that brought us to our knees in the first place!

Facts generally bear out that a Conservative government leaves a healthy set of books for the next incumbent whereas Labour leave the coffers empty! Remember the 'post-it' confirming there was no money left and wishing the Coalition 'good luck'? We are all now bearing the consequences of that Government's profligacy.

Remember Mr. Brown hiding in a budget the withdrawal of tax benefits on investment income which devastated one of our finest institutions - our private pension system? Millions face a retirement in poverty. Remember Labour's unfettered expansion of the PFI initiative which has left us with untold billions of debt? Remember Labour disposing of half of our gold reserves at almost the lowest price in recent history? I could go on!

Where we perhaps may find common ground is that I find the current crop of politicians on both sides of the House are visionless, bereft of fresh ideas and hidebound by adversarial party politics. Labour have proven - and are still proving - that they are unfit to manage the country's purse, the Conservatives are not

Conservatives in the true sense, the Lib Dems are not fit for purpose, UKIP is at present a child in a grown-up's world and the Coalition is a shambles!

Some measure of respect will be due from me to the first party leader that admits (man-made) global warming is the biggest con ever perpetrated on us, cancel all 'green' taxes and announce a massive programme of new power stations. Such an announcement would confirm that at least one leader in the House has regained a modicum of common sense.

David Stolorthy
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The legacy of Margaret Thatcher

THE seeds sown of the financial collapse over the last decade can be clearly traced back to the 1980s when both Margaret Thatcher and her soul mate Ronald Reagan deregulated the financial services on both sides of the Atlantic which enabled greedy bankers to speculate with investors money and money that they didn't have.

Mining communities and manufacturing areas were decimated by Thatcher which to this day have not recovered, becoming dependency cultures which have been much in the news recently.

The utilities including gas, electric, water, and British Rail were privatised. We were told that this would encourage competition and bring down prices for consumers - dream on.

The block on house building and the sell off of council homes has led to the problems which we face today in the housing market.

The democratically elected GLC was abolished and County Hall closed down out of spite because of opposition to her policies.

Cuts in NHS, Poll Tax, Working Peoples rights, I could go on.

David Holland
Hornchurch

Time to get rid of bus lanes?

IS IT now time that the useless bus lanes on the A13 at Benfleet were scrapped?

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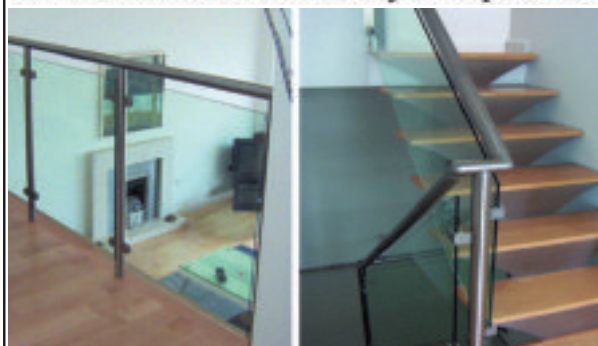
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ART: James French
with some of his work
Picture by Mark Cleveland

James puts lifetime of artwork on show

A FORMER lecturer will be showcasing 80 years of artwork with more than 500 paintings.

James French, 86, from Ely Way, in Rayleigh, has been painting since he was six years old, but has decided to sell off some of his artwork to clear space in the house that he shares with his wife Joyce.

The artwork features a collection of water colours and oils including many paintings of orchids.

James, who spent 40 years working as a horticultural lecturer in Essex, said: "I've been messing about with paint ever since I can remember. It's just

something that I've done throughout my life.

"We've run out of room at home now and we have got hundreds of paintings filling up the loft so my wife suggested that a one man band art exhibition would be a great way to share my work.

"Joyce has done all of the organising for the exhibition and I've just provided the paintings!"

Mr and Mrs French have decided to host the exhibition in Ramsden Bellhouse where they lived for more than 30 years before the couple moved to their current home in Rayleigh in the

mid 1990s.

James, who was a football referee for many years, urged people to attend the exhibition.

He added: "I've got a whole range of paintings that tell the story of my life including some pictures that I painted back when I was serving in the army in the Middle East for more than two years."

The exhibition runs at The Community Centre, in Church Road, at Ramsden Bellhouse from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, April 28.

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LIZ WADE braved the snow to pay a visit to Lee Valley Park Farms

WHILE we should have been basking in spring sunshine during a day out with the kids over the Easter holidays, we were in actual fact battling all that our wonderful 'make-it-up-as-you-go-along' weather system could throw at us.

Like other families trying to keep the kids amused during the two week school break we decided to throw on extra layers of clothes to beat the 'struggling to get above freezing' weather and head for Lee Valley Park Farms in Waltham Abbey.

Although the slight flurries of white stuff caused us to raise our eyebrows as we left, we in no way expected to be standing in the middle of the countryside in a blizzard just a couple of hours later.

But that is exactly what happened during our visit to the farm, which is actually two very different farms located right next door to each other – a visitors' farm and a working farm.

fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Lee Valley Park Farms can be found in Stubbins Hall Lane, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2EF. They are situated two miles north of Waltham Abbey on the B194 and just four miles from the M25. Parking at the farms is free.

■ **ENTRANCE:** During weekends, school holidays and Bank Holidays it costs £8.50 for adults and £7 for children to visit the farm, while from Monday to Friday during term times it costs £5.20 for adults and £4.80 for children. Under two's get in for free.

■ **OPENING TIMES:** The farm is open every day from 10am to 5pm. The Orchard Café is open daily from 10:00 - 17:00 with last orders for hot food to be taken at 16:30.

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call Lee Valley Park Farms on 01992 892781 or visit www.visitleevalley.org.uk for further information about the husky dogs at the farm visit www.flameshuskies.co.uk

While we shuddered during our tour and had to keep turning our bodies against the snow, which had by then changed to a diagonal onslaught, we were determined not to let it spoil anything. In actual fact it added to the whole experience as the animals around us were enjoying the snowfall, especially the farm's newest attractions, its husky dogs.

The dogs, located in a large pen behind the main farmyard, were particularly pleased to see my youngest, Josh, who took a shine to Kiba – an Alaskan Malamute cross German Shepherd – and began a running game with him up and down the fence. The game, which eventually involved all the dogs, had to come to an end to allow their handlers to carry out a 'meet and greet' session where the kids were able to get up close to one of the adult dogs as well as a mischievous puppy called Lyca.

The huskies, who can be seen at the farm during weekends and school holidays, are actually owned by Flame's Sled Dogs who take in rescue huskies and explained to us that many of their dogs come to them as people buy them not knowing how much looking after they need. As their handlers, who take the dogs home with them every night, explained, they have lost several sofas to the pack – including one that was demolished within an hour – we put any ideas of getting a husky out of our heads in the future.

The Hug a Husky talk was just one of many talks and experiences



CUTE: Lambs keep warm in the barn

that were taking place at the farm during the day, from Critter Corner where you could get up close to scaly and furry little friends and Milking Time, where you could catch a ride on Text the Tractor to see the cows being milked at the adjacent Holyfield Hall Farm, get up close to Clover the cow and learn more about a real farm.

These daily programmes are a fantastic way of helping you get even more out of your visit and we particularly enjoyed watching the lambs being fed. The handlers informed the boys that while each of them had a name beginning with the same letter, it was extremely hard to remember which was which and the process of feeding them became a bit of a memory game as to who had just polished off a bottle and who was still waiting to be fed.

er time of year it is. The launch pad definitely had a festive feel during our snowy visit and Josh was happy to climb aboard one of its rubber rings before being pushed down the hill.

In desperate need of warming up and thawing out our fingers and toes it was then off for a bite to eat and hot refreshments in the Orchard Café, which serves everything from home made cakes to hot dishes.

During the warmer months and during peak times the farm also provides snacks, ice cream and even a BBQ from the Winning Post at the top of the hill.

The farm got a huge thumbs up from us as there were plenty of things to see, do and learn, and despite the unseasonally cold weather we still had a fantastic time.



LOOKOUT: A meerkat keeps watch

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■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

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■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577666.

Wednesday, April 24

■ Southend Anglo Italian Circle, Leigh Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, an evening of games and conversation in Italian, 8pm, entrance £4. 01702 712177 or www.italiancircle.co.uk
■ Singles Connection Friendship and

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■ Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 2-4pm. 01702 342426.

■ Meeting, Wickford Horticultural Society, Catholic Church Hall, Wickford, Mr Robin Carsberg talks about the Growing and Propagating Pelargoniums, plants for sale, all welcome, entry £1 members, £2 non-members, includes refreshments.

■ Live Music, Country Roads Country Music Club, Conservative Club, 16-18 Clarence Street, Southend, 'Dave Paisley and Hayley Oliver', 8-11pm, entrance £6, contact Steve Cherelle 07958 910737.

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Thursday, April 25

■ Live Music, The Jazz Mix at The Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, 'Oil Silk', 8.30-11pm, (doors open 8pm), admission £10, students £5 with valid photo card.

■ Meeting, Thundersley Gardening Association, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, Julia Tetley gives an illustrated talk on Wild Flowers, 7.45pm, refreshments served, entrance £3.

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■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

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Street parking is outside the fully licensed and air-conditioned restaurant, while a nearby car park is free after 6pm from Monday to Saturday, and all day Sunday. It is open from Monday to Saturday from 11am (last orders 2.30pm) and from 5pm (last orders 10.30pm), and all day Sundays from 11am.

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Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy the new Pizza and Pasta Menu, now offering a wider choice of

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The restaurant has also recently introduced a Gluten Free Starter & Main Course Menu and a Gluten Free Dessert Menu. Both of these menus are available from Monday to Saturday and offer a wide choice of deliciously mouth-watering dishes.*

Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

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The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is open from Monday to Saturday evenings from 6pm till late.

For further information call Spaghetti Junction on 01702 473388 or visit www.spaghettijunctionrestaurant.co.uk where full details of all the menus can be found.

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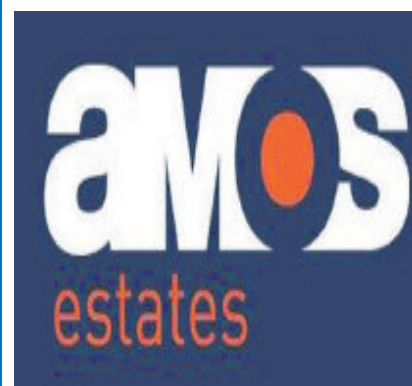
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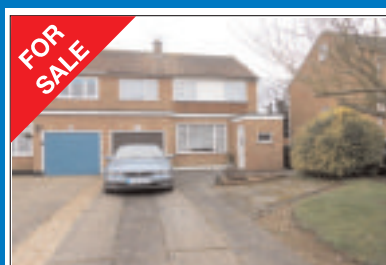
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TO LET

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TO LET

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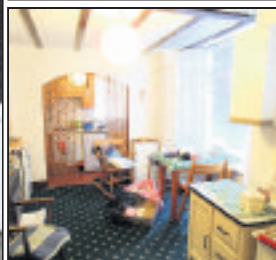
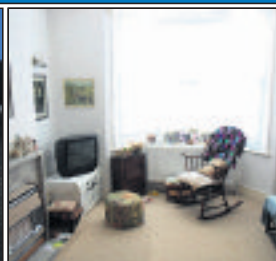
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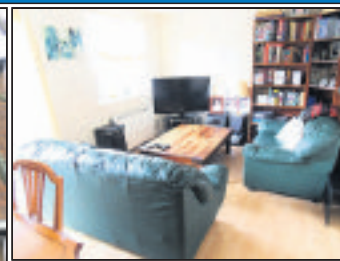
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Leigh on Sea £310,000

Situated south of Leigh Broadway A semi detached 3 bedroom house requiring modernisation throughout. The property is within walking distance of sea front and station whilst Broadway amenities are within a stones throw. Properties of this nature are rarely available and we recommend early viewing.



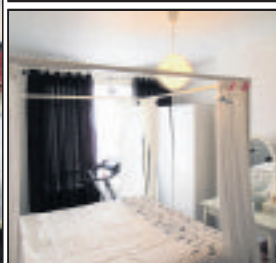
Leigh on Sea £128,500

A realistically priced modern one bedroom flat situated south of the London Road close to Broadway amenities and within comfortable walking distance of Station and the Old Town. The property has been well maintained throughout and is priced to affect an early sale. Early viewing advised.



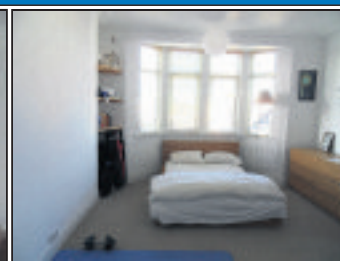
Leigh-on-Sea £309,995

As New. A 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow that has been fully modernised to an exceptionally high standard, situated in a convenient residential location close to excellent local amenities. An interior inspection is required to fully appreciate the many attractive features. Early Vacant Possession.



Leigh on Sea £154,995

Situated south of the London Road and close to Broadway we are pleased to offer this well-maintained 1 Bedroom first floor flat. The property has been tastefully decorated and is both spacious and bright. No onward chain is also offered. Early viewing advised.



Leigh-on-Sea £249,995

Occupying the entire second floor of this popular block is this spacious 3 Double Bed roomed flat that has been well maintained throughout and offers many attractive features. The property is situated south of the A13 within comfortable walking distance of Chalkwell Station and local shops.



Leigh-on-Sea £265,000

Leigh-on-Sea charm. Having views over the estuary towards the Kent coastline, a rare opportunity to purchase this deceptively large detached house ideally located for Broadway, mainline station and Old Leigh. Must be viewed. No onward chain.

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Leigh-on-sea £425,000 oieo

Just on the market, this exceptional detached four bedroom family house offers large well planned accommodation and should be viewed as soon as possible as a quick sale is expected. This fine house is situated in a very sought after location walking distance of Chalkwell Park and Station. FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM 17TH APRIL. Ref etl5115



Retirement flat, Leigh £95,000

Excellent retirement flat in Oakham Court with first class facilities including communal lounge, kitchen, laundry room, lovely gardens and a residents car park. Private accommodation comprises: spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Early viewing advised. Ref etl5109



Chalkwell Hall Estate, guide price £550,000

A terrific opportunity to purchase this large and imposing late Edwardian detached house offering excellent DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL - CURRENTLY ARRANGED AS TWO THREE BEDROOM FLATS. If the property was arranged as one house the accommodation would comprise SIX BEDROOMS AND FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS. There is lots of scope for further extension as there is a large cellar plus a vast attic space (stp) The property benefits from a 100' approx south facing garden and extensive ESTUARY VIEWS. Ref etl5112



Four bedroom detached family home in Westleigh Schools C/A £329,995

WALKING DISTANCE OF LEIGH STATION, Westleigh Schools and Belfairs School/ College catchment area, Large Four bedroom detached family home with 70' approx west facing garden, spacious lounge, separate dining room, two bathrooms, Kitchen and off street parking - early viewing advised. Ref etl5111



Westcliff on sea £259,995

We have pleasure in offering for sale this impressive detached double fronted character house OFFERING LOTS OF SCOPE FOR EXTENSION and situated on a double west backing plot with a lovely rear garden. Popular and convenient location, 4 bedrooms, 4th bedroom/nursery room, large lounge, separate dining room, spacious kitchen/ morning room with original pantry, older style large conservatory, utility room, off street parking for 2 cars, lots of original charm and character. Ref etl5107



Close to The Broadway, Leigh-on-sea £275,000

A delightful Edwardian cottage situated close to LEIGH BROADWAY and walking distance of the Station. A VERY QUICK SALE IS POSSIBLE, Two double bedrooms, en suite shower to master bedroom, Useful attic room, recently installed new bathroom, 24'9 open plan lounge and dining room with feature fireplace, 10'4 x 10'2 fitted kitchen, separate utility room, lovely landscaped garden, Early viewing advised. Ref etl5113



Westcliff £179,995

Internal viewing is essential of this delightful Edwardian house with two Double Bedrooms, superb Open Plan Lounge and Dining Area both with feature fireplaces, modern Fitted Kitchen with oven and hob and separate Utility Area, Lovely Victorian style Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, double Glazing, 55' approx west facing Rear Garden. Ref etl5093



Exceptional 4/5 bedroom detached family home, Chalkwell £525,000

Situated in a great location walking distance of Chalkwell Park and Station, this deceptively spacious and beautifully presented family home must be viewed to be appreciated, Four / Five bedrooms, bathroom and separate shower room, elegant lounge, separate dining room, family room/ 5th bedroom, lovely sun lounge, stunning 18' x 16'7 luxury kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, south backing mature garden. Ref etl5110



Freshly refurbished three bedroom detached bungalow, Westcliff £259,000

A freshly refurbished/ decorated fully detached three bedroom bungalow occupying a good size plot with a lovely 100' rear garden. Off street parking for 3-4 cars, impressive decking patio, two workshops, three bedrooms with en suite shower to master bedroom, spacious lounge with feature fireplace, large well fitted kitchen/ diner, double glazing, gas c/h, bathroom/w.c., popular location close to Southend Hospital, Earls hall school and the high schools. NO OFFERS UNDER £250,000. Ref etl5056

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SOLD



The Rundels, Thundersley £197,500

End of Terrace 3 bedroom home set within a popular area of Thundersley Village. The property is beautifully presented throughout and benefits from spacious living accommodation.

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GREAT FAMILY HOME

BILTON ROAD, HADLEIGH £285,000

We are pleased to offer this detached 4 bedroom home within a desirable area of Hadleigh. This spacious property benefits from being tastefully decorated throughout and also having an attractive front and back garden. An internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this good size 4 bedroom family home which is within close proximity to schools and many local amenities.



SOLD

SOLD
HAZEL CLOSE, HADLEIGH
£249,995

A two double bedroom bungalow within a sought after and quiet residential area of Hadleigh. The property has been fully refurbished within the last year by the current vendor.

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TO LET



SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

BARNSTAPLE CLOSE, THORPE BAY £1,000 PCM

We are delighted to offer to the market this spacious 2/3 bedroom, detached Goldsworthy bungalow. The property occupies a large plot and benefits from 2 double bedrooms with a further loft room. In a highly sought after location the property is also just a stones throw from Thorpe Bay train station and is within the Bournes Green school catchment area.



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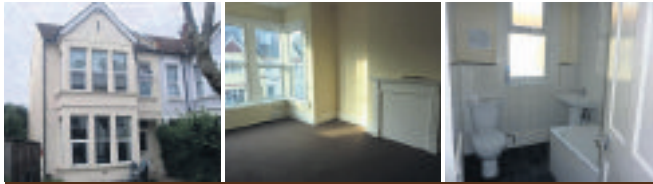
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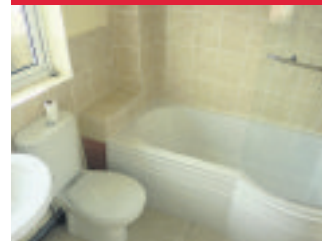
New Instruction



Shoeburyness £495 pcm

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- 1 DOUBLE BEDROOM
- Self Contained
- Neutral Decor
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Employed Applicants
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New Instruction



Southend on Sea £465 pcm

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- Purpose Built
- Lift Access
- MODERN BATHROOM
- Communal Parking
- Easy Access to A127
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- Available 7th May

Conservation Area



Southend on Sea £525 pcm

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- Ground Floor Flat
- OWN REAR GARDEN
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- Neutral Decoration
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservation Area
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now



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Ideal Family Home



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- Double Glazed
- Two/Three Beds
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

Close to Leigh Broadway



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- Share of Freehold
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Leigh-On-Sea

£334,995



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Rayleigh

£104,995



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom ground floor retirement flat, close to main line station and town, this is ideal for anyone looking to down size and retire to the Rayleigh area. The property offers lounge, diner, kitchen and bedroom. Viewing is highly recommended.

Rayleigh

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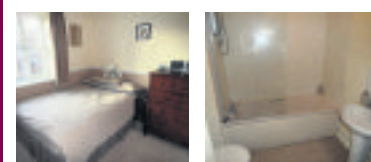
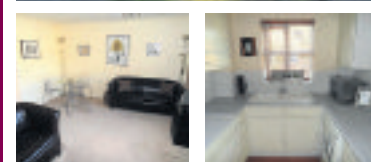
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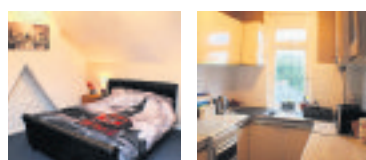
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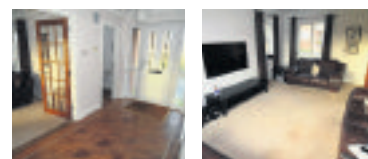
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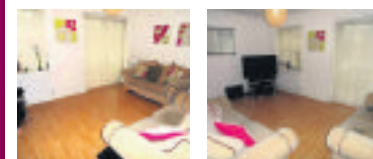
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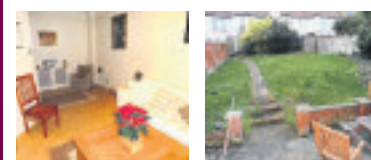
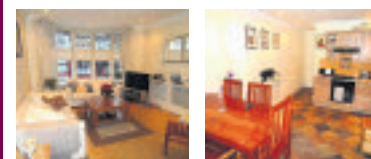
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Southend On Sea £139,995



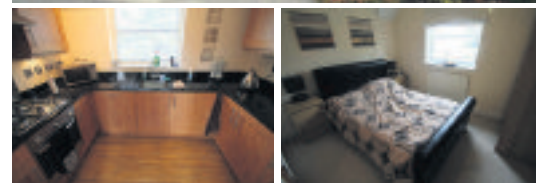
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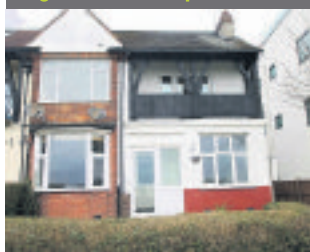
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Westcliff On Sea £750 pcm



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Southend On Sea £600 pcm



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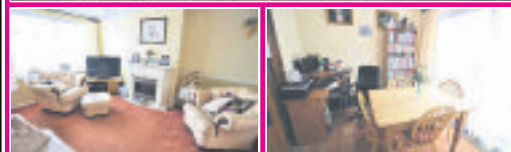
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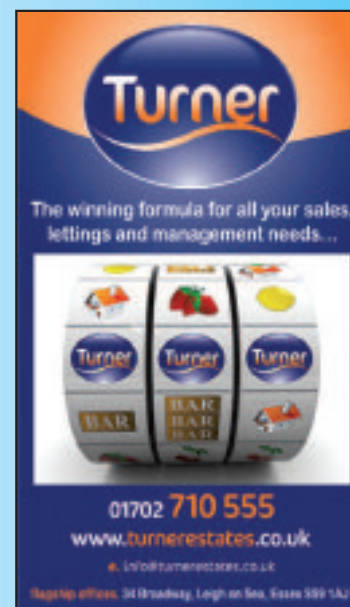
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Back to the future

By Andy Enright

It seems that it's impossible to consider a verdict on Peugeot's 208 GTI without harking back to the 205 GTI. Contemporary hot hatch road tests lament the fact that modern hot hatches are too fat, too grippy and too safe, testers getting all dewy-eyed as they reminisce about the time they entered a beet field backwards at 85mph in a 205. Ah, the nostalgia of being out of control, surrounded by metal with the structural integrity of a Sprite can.

Pop the bonnet and you'll find a 1.6-litre THP 200bhp petrol engine coupled to a manual gearbox with six, close-ratio gears. With its maximum torque of 275Nm and its peak power of 200bhp, the 208 GTI polishes off the sprint to 62mph in 6.8 seconds. In-gear re-acceleration is equally impressive, with the 208 GTI accelerating from 50 to 75mph in less than 7.0 seconds in fifth, highlighting its 35Nm torque advantage over the Clio Renaultsport 200 Turbo. Stiffer springs have been fitted and the ride height dropped by 8mm but Peugeot hatches have always ridden well and this 208 is no exception. Body control is well-judged, the steering is quick-ish with

that characteristic low, small wheel and there's not much in the way of torque steer. The chassis also feels pleasantly responsive mid-corner.

There's no limited slip differential fitted, so if you really work the front tyres hard out of a bend, you will see precious motive power disappearing in tyre smoke from the inside front corner before the ESP stability control system decides enough is quite enough. Traction is otherwise more than adequate and the 208 GTI has that pleasant ability of flowing down a road quickly and without undue drama but can still play the hooligan if you choose to rough-house it along. It's an impressive showing.

The 208 GTI certainly looks the part. It's all about the detailing, with the three-door 208 body adorned with a gloss black rear skirt, a trapezoid chromed double exhaust and a quarter panel trim bearing the GTI logo. Plus there are red highlights throughout the vehicle, including the brake callipers, while the grille lower bead is set off by liberal use of 'trendy once again' chrome. The car's stance is a little more pugna-cious than its humbler siblings but the overall effect is actually quite subtle, especially if you choose a

version in a restrained colour.

The interior feels more extrovert. With a colour scheme combining red, black and satin chrome and red GTI over stitching throughout, the cabin feels like a 1980s Antibes nightclub, but full marks to Peugeot for effort.

The step of £2,000 up from the 156bhp 208 1.6 THP to the 200bhp 208 GTI seems fair value for money given the amount of extra car you get. Compared to its rivals, the asking price of around £19,000 seems about on the money too, just managing to undercut the Clio 200 Turbo, although being gazumped by the Fiesta ST. It's hard to complain about the amount of kit you get as well.

That runs to 17-inch alloy wheels, a multifunction 7-inch colour touch screen with DAB radio, USB / 3.5mm jack and Bluetooth with steering wheel mounted controls. ESP stability control is fitted as standard, as are eight airbags and cruise control. Dual zone air conditioning, automatic lights, wipers and mirrors, a rear parking sensor and LED daytime running lights also feature.

The 208 GTI turns in some frankly amazing numbers when it comes to economy and emissions.

Remember that this is a car quick



enough to show a clean set of tailpipes to something like a Volkswagen Scirocco GT 2.0 TSI, yet where that car will manage a combined figure of 38.2mpg, the little Peugeot returns 47.9mpg. It's the same story for emissions. The Scirocco would manage 172g/km, the 208 GTI a mere 139g/km. Now I'd fully accept your point that these two cars aren't direct rivals, after all there's a £7,000 price disparity between them, but it just goes to illustrate that the GTI is all about getting results and doing it with some polish.

The reliability of the 208's running gear is already well known through developments from partner companies, so there's little to worry about there. Even the infotainment system can be augmented on an ongoing basis by downloading updates. About the only fly in the ointment is a group 30 insurance rating that may deter younger customers.

Times change and those wishing

Peugeot would build a car that feels like a 205 GTI had better wise up. It's not going to happen. Go play a ZX Spectrum emulator on your laptop if you want a nostalgia fix. Instead, the French company has done the right thing and brought us a properly grown up hot hatch that has nuances to its personality and no shortage of driver appeal. About the only complaints I'd level against it are that the steering might be a little taciturn, the engine could have a little more in the way of aural fireworks and that the touchscreen interface feels as if it's been designed by a French committee. During a strike day.

Other than that, there's a lot to like. It's seriously quick, the ride and handling compromise is extremely well-judged and will work on British roads, the pricing is good, there's plenty of standard equipment, and the interior reminds you that you're in something a little different from the norm every time you get in.

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Here, we're looking at 10 tasks that you should perform as part of a spring check-up:

Car Spring Clean - Ten Tasks

1. Wash your car thoroughly - paying particular attention to the wheel arches, behind or beneath the bumpers and the sills below the doors. Better still, if you don't fancy doing it yourself, treat your car to a spring clean offered by one of the many Car Hand Washing businesses that have become so popular these days. It may cost you a few pounds but the time saved is well worth it!

2. Clean inside the engine bay and remove any soggy leaves.



3. Clean the wheels using a proprietary cleaner. (You can do a better job if you remove each wheel in turn, but only if you know how to do it safely - see your owner's manual!). Also check the condition of the tyres.

4. Now, vacuum the interior thoroughly - including inside the luggage space. Remove rubber mats and scrub them clean; use a suitable cleaner on upholstery and carpets.

5. Polish the paintwork - one panel at a time, so you can keep track of what you've done.

6. Check for chips and scratches in the paintwork and touch these up.

7. Clean thoroughly all glass - inside and out - as well as headlamps and other lights, plus door mirrors.

8. Check the condition of the wiper blades, which will have been used a lot in the winter. Don't forget the rear wiper.

9. Inspect the exhaust system for corrosion.

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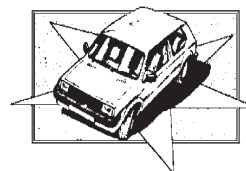
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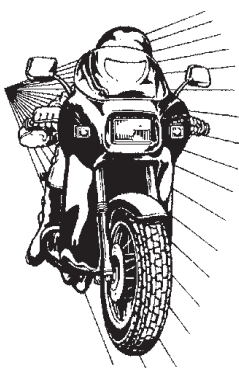
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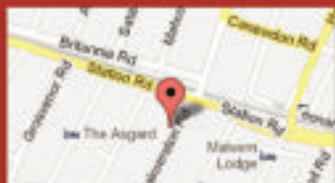
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R TINLIN

Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Dated: 17th April 2013

SCHEDULE 1 - Speed Cushions

(i) **Uniform tapered speed cushions in the middle of the carriageway plus one half width uniform speed cushion on the north-west side of the carriageway**

Location	Length (at centre line) (m)	Width (at centre line) (m)	Height (m)
Broomfield Avenue From a point 12.2 metres south west of the common boundary between Nos. 67 & 69 Broomfield Avenue	2.5	1.7	0.065
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(i) **One Uniform tapered cushion in middle of the carriageway**

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(ii) **Two Uniform tapered cushions spaced either side of the centre line of the carriageway**

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BLUES RUE GAME OF WASTED CHANCES

Southend 0 Bristol Rovers 0

Blues boss Phil Brown admitted he made a mistake in substituting Freddy Eastwood late in the second half as Southend faltered to a goal-less draw at Roots Hall on Saturday.

It was a game United had numerous chances to win but they failed to convert a number of chances, most notably from Barry Corr, Freddy Eastwood and Britt Asombalonga leaving them firmly stuck mid-table, their play-off hopes dead having now gone five games without a win.

Rugby Union

Performance earns a point

Southend did well to claw a bonus point from this wet and windy game on a heavy and sticky pitch.

Redruth put points on the board early with a couple of tries from their No 8 Chris Fuca following heavy pressure from their pack, one of which was converted by Paul Thirby to take them into a 12-0 lead with only eleven minutes gone.

Southend gathered themselves and enjoyed some forward pressure of their own following a kick forward from Kirby. Daniel Legge good work at a lineout resulted in Sam Arnott chipping the ball toward the Redruth try line with the pack in hot pursuit.

A pick up and drive got the ball close enough for Alan Barker to drop over for Southend's first try of the afternoon. 12-5.

Play continued with Redruth bring their backs into play with Southend responding when they could. After a couple of mini breaks from Bradley Burr they eventually forced a penalty but Rob Kirby's kick sailed wide.

Just on half time Redruth mounted another attack on the Southend line. Desperate defending from Southend kept them out until referee Mr Watters awarded a penalty try.

The conversion kick sailed between the posts and the score moved to 19-5 at the break.

Redruth started the second half strongly taking the game to Southend. A running attack was finished by full back Thomas Nottman who joined the line and dived under the posts. 24-5.

Southend hopes of a win were fading but they were determined to get something from the game and pressed upfield. Sam Arnott's determined run created a ruck

resulting in a twenty meter drive from the Southend forwards. Prop Todd Bailey was in possession as they rolled over the line and he touched down. Kirby converted the try. 24-12.

Sam Forbo came on for Harry Hudson and Southend rolled up their sleeves and returned to the fray. But they were soon undone as Redruth scored another forwards try through their hooker Neil Turner converted by Paul Thirby. 31-12.

Southend were not finished yet in this enthralling game. On came Charlie Keenan for Adam Ferrier and they nearly added another try of their own after the forwards just failed to get to Sam Arnott's grubber kick that bobbled toward the Redruth line.

Not to be denied the forwards kept up their good work forcing a scrum five metres out. They secured the ball and drove forward for Daniel Legge to slide over in the corner. The difficult conversion attempt again sailed wide. 31-17.

Redruth replied though within two minutes as Thomas Nottman dived over for his second of the afternoon. Not converted the score moved on to 38-17.

On came Daley for Arnott and Strachan for Armitage and Southend went after their fourth try and the much needed bonus point. Redruth lost winger Vinnicombe to the sin bin with ten minutes left and Southend took the game into the Redruth half.

Their effort was rewarded when skipper Chris Green dived over in the final minute to secure the losing bonus point.

Still in 10th place and 11 points clear of the drop zone Southend take on Hartpury College next Saturday in the last home game of the season.

FIRST BLOOD: This painful clash of heads left Ryan Leonard in need of treatment

Picture by Dave Montier



Football

Concord win cup

ESSEX CORDELL UNDER 13S CUP FINAL

Concord Rangers 2

Euro Dagenham 2 (after extra time.

Concord win 5-4 on penalties)

By Mark Wallis

CONCORD Rangers claimed their first youth County Cup silverware on Sunday thanks to a thrilling game against Euro Dagenham in the final of the Essex Cordell Under 13s Cup at Saffron Walden Town FC's Catons Lane.

Euro Dagenham scored either side of a fine brace from Concord's Albert Wilson to take the tie to extra time, where the sides still couldn't be separated. Ultimately it was Southend & District Junior League Concord who prevailed from the spot.

"Naturally I'm absolutely delighted, but we had to hang on a bit at the end!" said Concord boss Bob Lee after the game. "I'd say we certainly enjoyed the better of the first half and maybe the second, but they [Euro Dagenham] were the better side during extra time."

"We really had to dig in but we did it in the end. It's the first ever County Cup win for a youth side from Concord. We had plenty of support and they helped us do it!"

As they enjoyed the best of the early exchanges, Concord's Mitchell Sweeney slipped a ball into the path of Daniel Nunn, but he was denied by a brave smother by Dagenham keeper Bayley Johnson. Dagenham hinted at their intent when Tommy O'Keefe's 20-yard shot flew just over before they grabbed the lead with eight minutes played. Tajudeen Salawu excellently side-footed home from ten yards.

Concord levelled six minutes after the restart, Wilson latching onto a ball before bursting into the penalty area and coolly slotting beneath Johnson. Just seven minutes later, the Canvey Island-based youngsters were ahead.

Wilson was the star again when his stunning 25-yard free kick found the bottom left-hand corner. Unfortunately, it was one of his final actions as a nasty head injury ruled the forward out of the rest of the game.

Concord weren't ahead for long. In a goal very similar to Wilson's strike only seven minutes previously, Euro Dagenham equalised after O'Keefe's long-range dead ball drifted through a sea of players to pull his side level.

Euro Dagenham enjoyed the best of the extra time opportunities. Luiz Conduto's low shot was pushed wide by Smith before Nihad Abdallah's shot dipped inches over the crossbar.

Euro Dagenham grabbed an early advantage in the shootout, Concord missing their first kick. But with the shootout locked at 4-4 after five kicks, Euro couldn't convert their sixth and Charlie Collins stroked home the winner.

Concord Rangers: Luke Smith, Mitchell Sweeney, Danny Hurford, Cody White, Martyn Lacey, Charlie Collins, Daniel Nunn, Jed Smith, Albert Wilson, Ethan Evison, Harry Macal. Substitutes: George Watson, Tom Hill, James Coleman, Josh Hartwell-Clark.

Euro Dagenham: Bayley Johnson, Eric Sowonola, Tajudeen Salawu, Louis Walker, Lewis Callery, Peter Eboegbulem, Keir Tanver, Tommy O'Keefe, Taiwo Whyte-Lloris, Aurelion Sita, Jordan Duncan. Substitutes: Nihad Abdallah, Luiz Conduto, Samuel Olanrewaju, Lion Docad, Antonio Monteiro.

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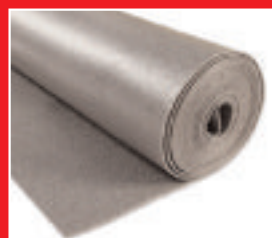
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